

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 114 and 131 and amend claims 108 and 125 as follows.

1-107. (Canceled)

108. (Currently amended) A method ~~to determine the need to vaccinate an animal against herpesvirus, said method~~ comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting a biological specimen ~~of said~~ from an animal with a recombinant protein under conditions suitable for formation of a complex with an antibody specific for a herpesvirus, wherein said recombinant protein comprises an at least 300 contiguous amino acid sequence from SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22, and wherein said protein is free of contaminants that result in false positives; ~~and~~

(b) detecting the presence or absence of said protein:antibody complex; ~~and~~

(c) ~~wherein the presence or absence of said complex is indicative of need to vaccinate~~ if said protein:antibody complex is absent, vaccinating said animal against herpesvirus.

109. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises an at least 400 contiguous amino acid sequence from SEQ ID NO:18 or SEQ ID NO:20.

110. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22.

111. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 or SEQ ID NO:20.

112. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein has an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22.